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Federal Communications Commission
Room 222, 1919 M Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

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REGARDING RM 9267

Dear Secretary:

The Land Mobile Communications Council has asked that the 420-430 MHz and the 440-450 Mhz frequency bands be immediately reallocated to the Private Mobile Radio Service. I want to express my opposition to this request.

These frequencies are currently allocated, on a primary basis, to the Amateur Radio Services, And are heavily used by the radio amateurs for experimental, public service and general communication Purposes. They are also widely used in the world wide digital packet networks. Here in Eastern Oklahoma these frequencies are crucial for repeater links used by the Tulsa weather bureau, along with the Amateur Radio emergency services during tornado, flood and other civil emergencies. Without these frequencies these emergency services, along with the damage assessment teams and our local Emergency Services will be severely damaged.

I realize that the commercial demands for the radio spectrum are great, but the present use of these frequencies are important not only in our area, but nation wide.. and should be retained for public use thru the Amateur Radio Services.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington D.C.

Ref: RM-9267

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To Whom it May Concern;

Please enter this note as a "NO" vote to the proposal to allow commercial interests to intrude the 70cm Amateur Band, or any part there of.

This Band is widely used by Radio Amateurs on a daily basis for routine communications as well as Amateur Television, Satellite Operation and when needed to provide emergency communications during natural disasters such as Tornados, Hurricanes and other emergencies!

Commercial intrusion would just push the Radio Amateur out of business on this band and the Public Services that they perform. Another aspect of this is the amount of money that Radio Amateurs have invested in equipment, equipment that would become obsolete over night, should Commercialization of this band take place! Me, personally, this represents approximately \$1300.00 worth of radio equipment that would be rendered useless! Perhaps to you, this isn't a lot of money, but to me, being on a fixed income, this represents a lot of money.

Again, please reconsider and deny any action that would commercialize the 70cm Amateur Radio Band.

Sincerely,

Ed Ciecierski

Ed Ciecierski WB5WOU
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cc: Sen. Kay Hutchinson
Sen. Phil Gramm
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May 15, 1998

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington DC, 20554

RE: RM 9267

Gentlemen,

It has come to our attention that the LMCC is demanding that you immediately reallocate most of the 420 to 450 MHz band presently in the amateur radio service. We strongly oppose any such action!

The 420 to 450 MHz amateur radio UHF band is the second most popular of the amateur radio services' VHF and UHF allocations. There are thousands of FM repeaters operating daily from 440 to 450 MHz, and a variety of modes on the air every day in the 420 to 430 MHz segment, including thousands of point to point links, and a very mature amateur television fraternity.

We at the Western Intertie Network (the WIN System) presently operate five high level UHF repeaters in the 440 to 450 MHz segment, covering from Southern Arizona to Central California, including all of the seven Counties of Southern California. We also operate ten point to point full duplex links.

Our group, the WIN System, has been affiliated with the San Diego County RACES emergency preparedness organization for years, and because of our wide area coverage, we have been able to handle innumerable pieces of emergency traffic during three major fires and two major earth quakes. It is impossible to estimate how many lives we have directly touched during emergencies, however, I am certain we have been a major communications force during these times of emergencies.

The WIN System also routinely operates many of our repeaters for public safety missions. Several times each year WIN System repeaters are used to handle communications at various Marathons, 10K runs, Bicycle Events, and Special Olympics Events for the handicapped. These public service communications activities would be impossible to achieve without the 440 MHz amateur band "wide area coverage" repeaters operated by the WIN System, and donated to public service.

We therefore strongly urge you to deny the demands of the LMCC. We as amateur radio operators continue to provide the above services free to the public. There is never a charge for either the 440 MHz repeater equipment, or the operators who donate their time and expertise during these times of public service. I do not think the LMCC would likewise provide such services free to the public. Their agenda is to make a profit from these frequencies, not to serve the public, free of charge, as is the amateur credo.

Sincerely,



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File Number: RM-9267, LMCC Petition to Reallocate the 70cm Ham Band

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 222
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554-0001

Dear Sirs:

I object to the proposed reallocating of the 70cm band from amateur radio use to private mobile radio service. I use the 70cm band extensive as a ham radio operator as do several of my friends.

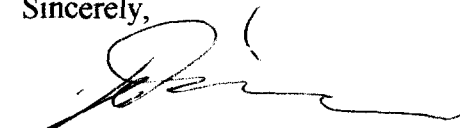
Moving the band will cause severe crowding on the other ham bands, especially the 2m band. The 70cm band is heavily used, as is the 2m band.

I use the 70cm band daily in my commute to and from work. I am frequently in the desert where I use the 70cm band for long range communications.

I have used the 70cm band for emergency calls. Although I have been a ham for only 9months, I have called for 911 assistance using a phone patch on the 70cm band twice: Once for a serious car wreck; The other for a car fire threatening nearby trees. Another time, through the help of another ham operator using a phone, we contacted the Highway Patrol about a DUI driver.

In short, reallocating the 70cm band to private mobile radio service is a bad idea. Amateur radio operators provide a helpful service to the communities through the use of the 70cm band.

Sincerely,



John Mills
KF6NPI

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May 26, 1998

Secretary, FCC
Washington, DC 20554

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RE: RM 9267

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As an Amateur Radio operator (N6RJX), I am very distressed upon learning about RM 9267 the proposal by the Land Mobile Communications Council to reallocate most of the 70 centimeter Amateur band over to private mobile operations with private land mobile designated as the primary user.

This attempt for business to grab what is now owned by the public and is no different than if, one of the big hotel chains wanted to turn the FCC building in Washington into a hotel, would you give it to them?

As you know, this Amateur radio band is presently occupied by literally thousands of Amateur Radio Repeaters allowing us to help our local communities and governments during emergencies such as the recent flooding in Northern California.

This winter I was not only an Amateur Radio Operator but also a flooding victim, getting 4 1/2 feet of water in by house when the local river overflowed it banks. I was in a unique position to see how the local Emergency Services and the Amateur Radio Operators assisted us, the flooding victims.

During the flooding this winter, dozens of Amateurs spend hundreds of hours volunteering for local agencies such as the Red Cross and our Santa Cruz County communications center. Not only are the Amateur Radio Operators donating their time, they have invested hundreds and sometime thousands of dollars in equipment that should RM 9267 go into effect will become of no value.

Hopefully the FCC will have the same attitude towards public service that other federal entities such as FEMA, SBA, National Guard, etc, and yes even the I.R.S. has had during these emergencies and not send a message that public service has value unless it inconveniences big business.

Sincerely,



Dan Selling
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In regard to RM 9267.

To whomever it may concern,

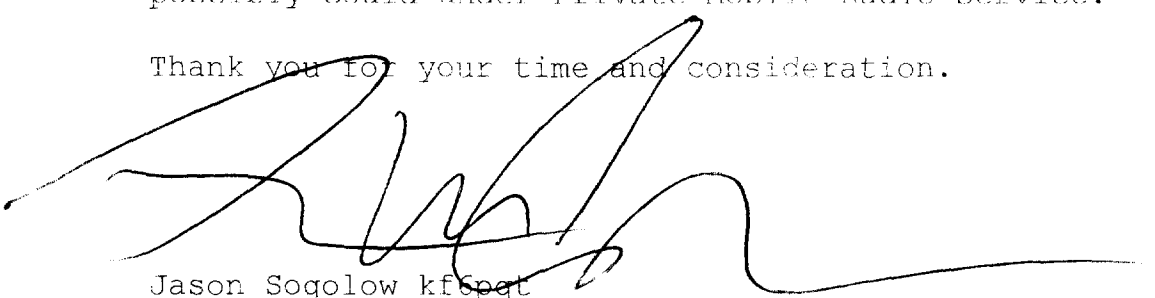
I am a Computer Science student and I hold a Technician class Amateur Radio license. My interests include researching wireless data networks and other methods of wireless and/or satellite communication. I have recently invested (with my very limited funds) in a transceiver for the 420-450 Mhz band for the purposes of exploring and learning more about such communications methods.

I feel I need not elaborate upon the obvious and immense potential for development and improvements upon these existing and emerging technologies. Therefore it is my opinion that for the sake of research and furthering technological methods that this band remain allocated as it is now, to the Federal Government and NOT for commercial use. In the long term, greater benefits may surely be derived from such research, whereas reallocation would only yield lesser near-term cash gains.

Aside from research, this band also provides a nearly infallible emergency communications infrastructure that has proven itself time and time again to be many times more resilient than conventional communications systems.

It is for these reasons that I urge that the the band remain in it's present allocation. The 430-450 Mhz band currently serves the public interest in a much fuller, broader means than it possibly could under Private Mobile Radio Service.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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In the Matter of

The LMCC's proposal

To REALLOCATE The 70-CM BAND TO PMRS

RM-9267

Titled, "Opposition to the LMCC's

Request to Reallocate Primary Status

Of 70-cm to the Private Mobile Radio

Service

To: The Chief, Private Wireless Division

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

OBJECTION TO
REALLOCATION OF PRIMARY 70-CM STATUS TO PMRS

Lyle L. Pontius, N8URS

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May 28, 1998

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the Land Mobile
Communications Council's (LMCC) request that primary user status of the
70-cm band be reallocated from the federal government to the Private Mobile
Radio Service (PMRS).

As an amateur radio operator, I enjoy the use of the 70-cm band as a secondary user,

And I would like this to remain this way. I do not feel that amateur radio operators

Should share the frequencies described in the LMCC's request. RM-9267, with the PMRS.

Therefore, I would encourage the LMCC to seek another alternative, in other frequency ranges.

Thank you,

Lyle Pontius



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Federal Communications Commission
Secretary of the FCC, Room 222
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: RM 9267

Dear Commission:

As a licensed Amateur Radio operator I want to go on record as being strongly against the petition now under consideration, RM 9267. I am currently active on many Amateur Radio frequencies that promote the public welfare through emergency, disaster and public service communications.

The frequency bands at 420-430mhz. and 440-450mhz., proposed for reallocation by this petition, are very important to our continued success in serving the public through our work. These frequency band segments include important linking, control, amateur television and repeater systems that are used daily by a large number of southern California amateur radio operators.

I have been licensed for 5 years, and I use many different bands within these frequencies. Remote control of transmitters and receivers is done on a regular basis. I have operated on several systems, and bands during earthquakes that have happened within our local area.

Amateur Radio has proven to be a successful secondary user to the government radiolocation operations on these bands. RM-9267 contains no technical solutions to prove that Amateur Radio users could continue to use these bands without serious interference if land mobile communications become the primary user.

Commission approval of any PMRS (or similar) allocation on this or any amateur frequency band will effectively terminate any Amateur Radio operations in Southern California on these bands. Operations which are vital during emergencies and disasters will be badly damaged by loss of 49% of the available vhf amateur spectrum below 900 Mhz.

I strongly urge the Commission to DENY approval of RM-9267.

Sincerely:
Charles K. Shane KD6VUZ
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May 18, 1998

Secretary
FCC
Washington DC 20554

Subject: RM 9267

I am concerned that passage of RM 9267 will harm the ability of the Ham operator to provide emergency service, search and rescue, marathons etc. Without the use of these frequencies, it will be very difficult for the Amateur Radio Operator to provide the services that many depend on in times of need. If this bill is passed, it would also hinder the growth and future of Amateur Radio, as would the loss of any of the amateur bands. With these issues in mind, please consider abolishing RM 9267.

Sincerely,

Albert R. Todd
KB7TBC



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May 29, 1998

Ms. Magalie R. Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Salas:

Re: "Docket No. 98-26: Petition of U S West for Relief from Barriers to Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Services"

As a concerned citizen and as the executive director of Washburn Child Guidance, a leading nonprofit agency in the Minneapolis area, I am writing in support of U S West's petition to lift the regulatory barriers that are preventing deployment of advanced technologies. The availability of technology is becoming increasingly important to all organizations and businesses in our society – including nonprofit organizations. Pressures to compete and to assure organizational efficiency demand availability of appropriate technology.

As a community leader in the Minneapolis area, I would request that the FCC approve US West's petition. Doing so would benefit not only U S West, but all internet providers and subsequently the entire community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Lepinski".

Steve Lepinski
Executive Director
Washburn Child Guidance

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Federal Communications Commission

26 May 1998

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Secretary of the FCC, Room 222
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Subject: RM-9267 Petition

Dear Sirs:

I am a licensed Amateur Radio operator (KE6PLV). I want to go on record as being strongly opposed to RM-9267. I am active on many Amateur Radio frequencies that promote the public welfare through emergency, disaster, and public-service communications.

The frequencies bands 420 MHz to 430 MHz and 440 MHz to 450 MHz, proposed for reallocation by this petition, are very important to our continued success in serving the public through our work. These frequency band segments include important linking, control, amateur television, and repeater systems that are used daily by a large number of amateurs in Southern California.

I belong to an amateur radio repeater association here in Southern California. We frequently hold emergency communication drills in anticipation of a dreaded local emergency. I recall explicitly that during a major earthquake some time ago, our repeater provided the only communications link for many residents. During those hours when standard communication lines were unavailable, we hams were able to handle countless messages, all of them on our "400" repeater. To deny us these bandwidths will severely jeopardize our ability to provide this vital public service.

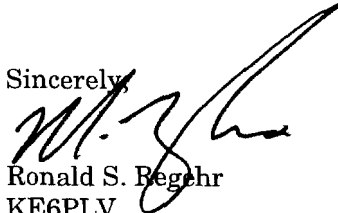
I have been licensed for 4 years, and I personally use many different frequencies within these sub bands EVERY DAY. Experimental communications; complex linking systems; remote control of transmitters and receivers operating on these and many other amateur bands; Public service exercises; and real disasters. I operated on several systems of stations on these sub-bands during the major earthquakes that have impacted this region of the country.

Amateur Radio has proven to be a successful secondary user to the government radio-location operations on these frequency bands. RM-9267 contains no technical solutions to prove that Amateur Radio users could continue to use these bands without serious interference if land mobile communications become the primary user.

Commission approval of this or any similar allocation on this or any amateur frequency band terminates Amateur Radio operations within the specified band. Amateur Radio operations in Southern California which are a vital communications resource to the public during emergencies and disasters will be very severely damaged by the loss of almost 1/2 of the available VHF amateur spectrum below 900 MHz.

I urge the Commission to DENY the above specified portions of RM-9267.

Sincerely,


Ronald S. Beghr
KE6PLV

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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary, FCC
Room 222
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Regarding: LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267)

Dear Ms. Salas

I am Filing in SUPPORT of the Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267) for new spectrum allocations for the Private Wireless Users. Thank you for putting this on the fast track and having this petition on public notice so fast.

We are a small business in rural Wisconsin providing sales and service for mobile, portable and base station two-way radio. We have served the area for over 50 years. Our customers, as well as ourselves, need more spectrum (customers call them frequencies). Two-way radio provides a direct link, fast and dependable means of communication for them. Many small business, farming and manufacturing concerns use two-way radio for safety and coordination of services, harvest, and production.

The lack of spectrum has affected our business and our ability to meet the communications needs of our customers. I urge the FCC to address these issues quickly, as the problem associated with the lack of spectrum are increasing.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely

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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I am writing you in reference to a formal rule making request RM #9267 by the Land Mobile Communications Council whereby most of the 70 centimeter amateur radio band would be reallocated to private mobile operations with private land mobile designated as the primary user.

I am an amateur radio operator that regularly uses this band for many facets of my hobby. I use it to provide communications for public service events such as our community's annual Christmas parade and other local community events. I recently provided communication support on May 16th for the Wall that Heals parade that was held in Port Washington. Amateur radio use of this band is vital for community service.

From a hobby standpoint, I use this band on a daily basis for FM repeater communication for local communication. I use the band for regional communication on many other modes of communication including single sideband as well as digital modes. I have just invested a couple thousand dollars in radio gear so that I can use satellite communication modes on this band.

In short, I have invested a significant amount of time, money, and equipment on this band and would be hard pressed to see how this document, RM #9267, would be in the best interest for the use of this radio band.

Please look carefully at the consequences for public service and other use of this band before allowing it to be taken away from those of us who put this band to very good use on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

 N9LLT

Ted S.K. Heilmann

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May 27, 1998

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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary, FCC
1919 M Street, NW Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267)

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am the owner of I A N Communications. Our company sells, services and rents 2-way radio equipment in Scottsdale, Arizona. We have a customer base of several thousand 2-way radio users.

I am filing in support of the petition for Rule Making filed by the LMCC seeking new spectrum allocations for private wireless users. I applaud the FCC for quickly placing the petition on public notice.

I am very concerned about the welfare of our company. We have been in business since 1986 and worked very hard and long to establish a customer base. We own a 450 MHz system which isn't adequate to meet the needs of our customers. Recently Nextel has purchased the majority of the 800 MHz channels and have turned them to digital. The cost has been so high and the service so poor for many of the digital customers, that they need and are looking for alternatives, unfortunately, there aren't many. These people are losing profits and jeopardizing the safety of their employees because the communications are so poor. Many of these people have gone to cellular communication, but one on one communication can't replace 2-way radio communications where all their people can hear what one person is telling them.

The Phoenix metro area is the fastest growing area in the United States. The people and companies moving into this area will not have 2-way radio communication without additional spectrum. The Phoenix area maybe unique due to it's terrain. In order to cover the entire area, users need at least two repeater sites, thus using twice the amount of frequencies. Obviously, new spectrum is vital for our business, but even more important for our customers.

I urge the FCC to address these problems quickly. The problems are growing each day, due to the lack of spectrum.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Donald W. Erdmann
I A N Communications

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RE: RM 9267

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I strongly urge the Commission to DENY approval of RM-9267.

Sincerely:

Jon Brandenburg KD6VVM
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MEMORANDUM

May 26, 1998

TO: Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

FROM: Barb Graff ⁷⁶
Emergency Preparedness Manager

SUBJ: FCC Action RM-9267

I would like to voice my opposition to RM-9267 which would reallocate most of the 70 centimeter amateur band over to private mobile operations. Our city relies heavily on amateur radio use when normal communication links are inoperable.

The 420 to 450 MHZ band is used quite extensively to link our Emergency Operations Center with other City response operations as well as with county and state EOCs, federal agencies and surrounding cities. These frequencies are heavily used during disaster, emergencies and failures of normal communications channels to intertie repeater systems. The 420-450 MHZ band is also used for packet data transmission and to intertie data sites together for wide-area distribution of information.

The proposed dual use is incompatible with current technology. The dual use of the amateur 902 MHZ band has rendered it unusable due to the interference from consumer devices that the FCC allowed to coexist. ***The 420-450 MHZ is the second most used frequency in the amateur VHF/UHF spectrum.***

Most public agencies are going to 800 MHZ trunked systems. As part of the migration, their VHF and UHF frequencies were to be vacated. There are several hundred MHZ of spectrum still available in the old UHF TV band that have never been used. By enforcing these rules, the industry would be forced to develop more efficient digital technology, similar to digital cellular phones, that would allow multiple users on the same frequencies without interfering.

Thank you for your consideration.

BG/lis

c: Chuck Stroeher, Eastside Amateur Radio Support Group
Alan Komenski, 911 Communications Center Manager
Chief Lucarelli

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Sincerely,



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LINK

COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

May 27, 1998

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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary, FCC
Room 222
1919 M. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Subject: LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267)

Dear Ms. Salas:

I am filing this letter in support of the Petition for Rulemaking filed by the LMCC seeking new spectrum allocations for private wireless users. We thank you for making this petition public information in such a timely fashion.

We at Link Communications have a strong interest in this petition. As a communications company in York, Pennsylvania for the past 50 years, we have provided wireless systems to over 350 customers and employ seven people. We also enlist services of local businessmen including attorneys, accountants, payroll services, part-time employees, plumbers, electricians, and maintenance services.

We have over the past years been much affected by the lack of private wireless spectrum and have had to listen to complaints from our customers about crowding of the airwaves. Our customers are currently sharing frequencies and have to exercise considerable constraint when communicating urgent messages on a daily basis due to the crowding of airwaves. Busy signals and channels often delay communications that not only save time and money, but at times jeopardize the safety of workers in emergency situations.

Since cellular communications are not the answer for everyone, (e.g., dispatch fleets who need immediate access to each other in limited geographical areas), it is vital that we be capable of capturing enough frequencies to provide certain customers with their own radio systems.

New spectrum would certainly pump life's blood into our business since our hands are tied regarding providing alternatives to commercial wireless systems at the present time with existing spectrum limitations.

Please take this request under your consideration and be aware that the problems associated with lack of spectrum are increasing in a linear fashion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Keller
President

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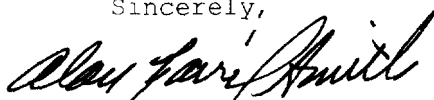
Dear Secretary:

I am gravely concerned about the consequence of RM 9267. As an officer of a non-profit organization that assists local civil services with various modes of communications, I represent GCARES' opinion that 'Amateur Radio's loss of 420 to 450 Mhz would be intolerable'.

GCARES has a considerable investment in time, manpower and money in equipment using a band of frequencies that RM9267 proposes to redistribute to private use. Presently, GCARES has invested \$3600 in 439 Mhz television repeater equipment and related receivers (installed at several civil service agencies, including the Genesee County Office of Emergency Management). GCARES has also invested \$2000 in 440 Mhz linked remote FM voice transceivers used in conjunction with our 2 meter voice repeaters. GCARES equipment acquisition relies totally on monetary donations.

Please do not set aside Amateur Radio's importance, a national resource, especially in times of emergency. Amateur Radio's Blood is in its spectrum, and the 420 to 450 Mhz band is precious to Amateur Radio.

Thank you for reading my comments,
Sincerely,



Alan L. Smith, WB8YOB

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Dear Commission:

As a licensed Amateur Radio operator I want to go on record as being strongly against the petition under consideration, RM-9267.

I am active on many Amateur Radio frequencies that promote the public welfare through emergency, disaster and public service communications. The frequencies stated in RM-9267, (420 MHz to 430 MHz and 440 MHz to 450 MHz) are very important to our continued success in serving the public through our work. These frequency band segments include important linking, control, amateur television and repeater systems that are used daily in Southern California.

Amateur Radio has proven to be a successful secondary user to the military radar operations on these frequency bands. RM-9267 contains no technical solutions to prove that Amateur Radio users could continue to use these bands without serious interference if land mobile communications become the primary user.

Amateur Radio operators in Southern California can continue to be a vital communications resource to the public during emergencies and disasters if RM-9267 is not approved.

Sincerely,



KEITH THOMAS

KAG N2S

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To: RM-9267
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St. NW
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Re: Response to RM-9267

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- * Support for Emergency Management Agency
- * Support for National Weather Service
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- * Satellite communications
- * Digital communications
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Please reject the LMCC request.

Michael Haley
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Re: LMCC Petition for rulemaking (RM-9267)

I Charles W. Mollen am a present private radio communication user.

The user of the private communication is an essential tool for our business. We could not effectively run our organization without radio communications.

Over the past several years we have experienced more congestion's from other radio user breaking up our conversations which has caused hardship through our organization.

The spectrum is congested in our area. The present and future demand for private communications is drastically on the rise in our area.

I understand that the FCC is in the process of reviewing future spectrum for private radio users.

I urge the FCC to react quickly and in favor to increase spectrum for private radio communications.

Sincerely

Charles W. Mollen

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May 26, 1998

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Subject: LMCC Petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267)
Addition spectrum for private wireless

This letter is to inform you of our support for the petition for Rulemaking (RM-9267). The FCC is to be commended for their quick action on this subject.

Ra-Comm, Inc. is a 2-way radio sales and service business located in Lafayette, Indiana. We have been in business since 1971 and have grown to employ 12 people. We are both a user of private wireless and a supplier to other private wireless users.

As a user of private wireless, we coordinate the efforts of our fleet of service vehicles throughout west central Indiana. Our technicians on the road are constantly in communications with one another and with our office in a dispatch environment (ie the whole group hears all conversations). One to one cellular/PCS types of communications simply would not be adequate. The group, thinking and acting as a whole gets far more accomplished than could be done using only office to one tech at a time type of communications. Covering 11 counties our service area overlaps several different cellular carriers making cellular inefficient, slow and very expensive. PCS hasn't even arrived yet and certainly their areas won't match ours either.

As a supplier of equipment and service to over 1000 private wireless users, we see the present spectrum resources in the 150MHz, 450MHz, 800MHz and 900MHz as very inadequate. Too many people in government have been convinced by the large commercial wireless carriers that all companies and their employees want is one on one telephone type communications. That simply isn't true for a large segment of commercial businesses from small business to corporate giants. Those businesses like Ra-Comm need dispatch type communications, many with custom features and custom coverage areas. The productivity, profitability, security of facilitates and sometimes employee safety all depend on private wireless. Cellular and PCS carriers simply can't customize their systems to accommodate unique needs of so many private wireless users.

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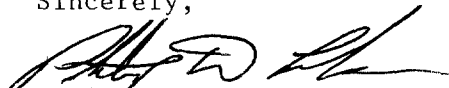
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Ra-Comm has for several years been forced to compromise many of our customers needs due to lack of spectrum. The frequencies that are available are extreamly overcrowded. Our business growth has slowed, also not due to lack of customer requests for equipment and service but for lack of spectrum for them.

The FCC will be doing this country's agricultural and commercial business a great service if they will allocate an appreciable amount of spectrum for private wireless.

Sincerely,



Philip D. Lehman